booths of NDDB's Fruit and Vegetable Project and the regular retail network.

Prime Minister's visit to Germany

3466. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to states:

(a) whether the Prime Minister visited Germany recently; and

(b) if so, the objectives of the visit and the outcome in concrete terms?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. from 5-7 Sep., 91

(b) The main objectives of the visit and its outcome have been elaborated in the suo moto statement by the Prime Minister in the Lok Sabha on 13th Sept., 91.

Performance of Co-operative Sector

3467. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake any comprehensive measures to boost the performance of Co-operative Sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Brahma Prakash Committee has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, the main recommendations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Measures being taken to boost the performance of cooperatives include providing a legal framework to make cooperatives vibrant democratic institutions, strengthening of federal cooperative institutions at the State and national level, implementation of the Business Development Plan to revitalise primary cooperatives and the formulation of national Cooperative Policy.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The main recommendations of the Committee relate to reducing the role of the Government in the functioning of the cooperatives and making the cooperatives true democratic institutions by active participation of the members in the management.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Manganese based Industry in Madhya Pradesh

3468. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up a manganese based industry in Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of DMS Milk to Trans-Yamuna Area of Delhi

3469. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether supply of milk by the DMS to Trans-Yamuna area falls short of the demand;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any survey regarding the requirement and supply of DMS Milk in this area;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the government to increase supply of DMS milk to this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Yes, sir. Delhi Milk Scheme is supplying about 35000 litres of milk daily in the Trans-Yamuna area. The rest of the demand is met from other sources.

(c) and (d). No, sir.

(e) It is not possible to increase the supply of DMS milk at present due to capacity constraints.

Opening of Petrol Pump and LPG Agencies in Rajasthan

3470. SHRI AYUB KHAN:
SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies opened in Jhunjhunu district and in the rural areas of Rajasthan during the last three years; and

(b) number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies proposed to be opened there and in rural areas of Rajasthan in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) an (b). 1 retail outlet and 2 LPG distributorships were opened in Jhunjhunu district during the last 3 years. LPG distributorships and petrol pumps are opened in different places, including those in Rajasthan as per the Marketing Plans, availability of the products, etc.

Soil Erosion in U.P.

3471. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received proposals from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for allocating additional funds for controlling the soil erosion in the hilly areas of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union government have formulated schemes to check the land-slides in hill areas of U.P.;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Union government have not formulated scheme to check the landslides